

**AFRICAN
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About Us

The African Council for Distance Education (ACDE) is a Continental Educational Membership Organization comprising of African Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions, which are committed to promoting quality education and training through Open and Distance Learning. It is a unifying body of distance education providers and practitioners in Africa. ACDE was formally launched in January 2004 at Egerton University, Kenya.

The establishment of ACDE was underpinned by the desire of African Vice-Chancellors to establish a unifying body to facilitate and promote open and distance learning. The main aim was to pool resources, shape and influence continental policies on distance education for the advancement of education and training through Open and Distance Learning

ACDE is governed by a Board, comprising of the: President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary General, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and representatives drawn from the different regions of Africa namely: Eastern, Southern, Central, Western and Northern Africa.

ACDE runs four programmes, which are hosted by different member institutions namely:

1. Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency (QAAA) hosted by the National Open University of Nigeria.
2. Technical Committee on Collaborations (TCC) hosted by the Open University of Tanzania.
3. Advocacy, Knowledge Generation and Dissemination hosted by the University of South Africa.
4. Information, Communication and Technology hosted by the Open University of Sudan.



MEMBERSHIP

Being a membership organization, ACDE has three categories of membership namely; Institutional, Associate and Individual. Below is a description of membership benefits for each category:

1. Institutional Membership

This category of membership is for institutions that offer programmes through open, distance and e learning. The members under this category pay an annual subscription fee of USD 2000. The benefits of this category include:

- i) The representative of the institution is eligible for election to the governing board.
- ii) Voting power: five (5) votes.
- iii) Participate in the council committee activities.
- iv) Participate in ACDE decision making.
- v) Participating in and benefit from the various collaborative programme activities.
- vi) Being continuously updated with information on how as an institution can contribute to and benefit from the strategic goals, programs and activities of the ACDE member.
- vii) Listing on the ACDE website.
- viii) Eligible to host the ACDE triennial Conference and General Assembly.
- ix) Eligible to host the ACDE Executive Board and Steering Committee meetings.
- x) Eligible to host the major ACDE new and upcoming programmes.
- xi) Getting support and benefitting directly from the ACDE partners' projects and resources.
- xii) Competing for the triennial ACDE best ODL institution award in Africa.

2. Associate Membership

This category non-teaching institutions that have an interest in open and distance learning. It also include teaching institutions that have a department, directorate, or centre on open, distance and e-learning. The non-teaching members under this category pay USD 1000 while the teaching member institutions with a department, directorate, or centre under this category pay an annual subscription fee of USD 500. The benefits of being a member under this category include:

- i) Participate in council committees.
- ii) Support council activities and programmes.
- iii) Participate in and benefitting from the various collaborative programme, activities.



iv) Being continuously updated with information on how as an institution or individual can contribute to and benefit from the strategic goals, programs and activities of the ACDE member.

v) Representative eligible for election to the ACDE governing board.

vi) Voting power: three (3) votes.

vii) Listing on ACDE website.

3. Individual Membership

The individual members are drawn from the academia, research and those who have an interest in open and distance education. The members under this category pay an annual subscription fee of USD 50. The benefits of being a member under this category include:

i) Enjoy recommendation/reference by ACDE in international projects/ research and other relevant activities.

ii) Participate in electing the governing board

iii) Voting power: one (1) vote.

iv) Being continuously updated with information on how as an individual can contribute to and benefit from the strategic goals, programs and activities of the ACDE member.

v) Listing on ACDE website.

vi) Participate in ACDE project activities.

vii) Participate in research proposal writing as Principal Investigator (PI) or Co- Principal Investigator (Co- PI).

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